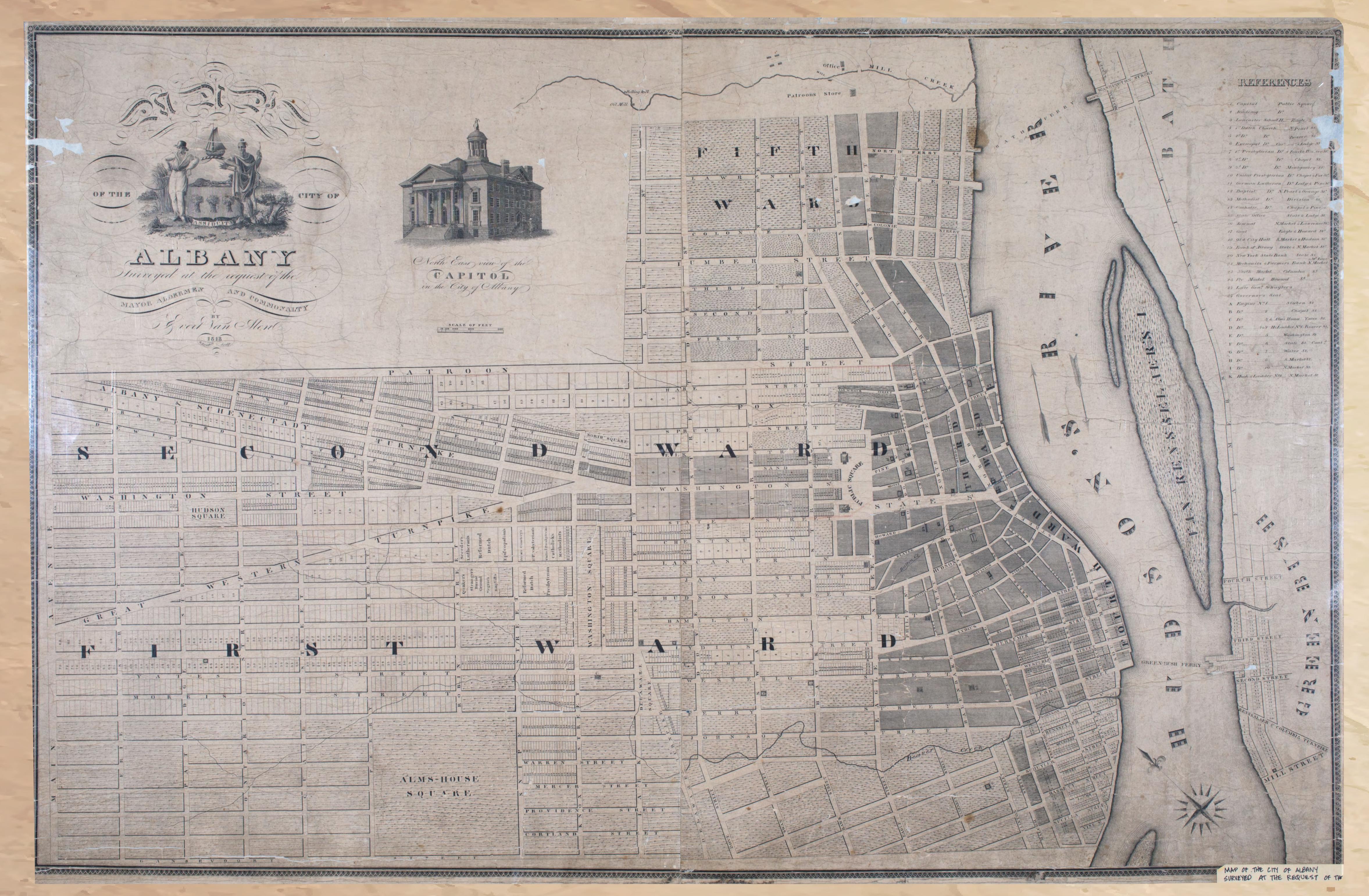
## Development of the City of Albany

c.1800 - 1850



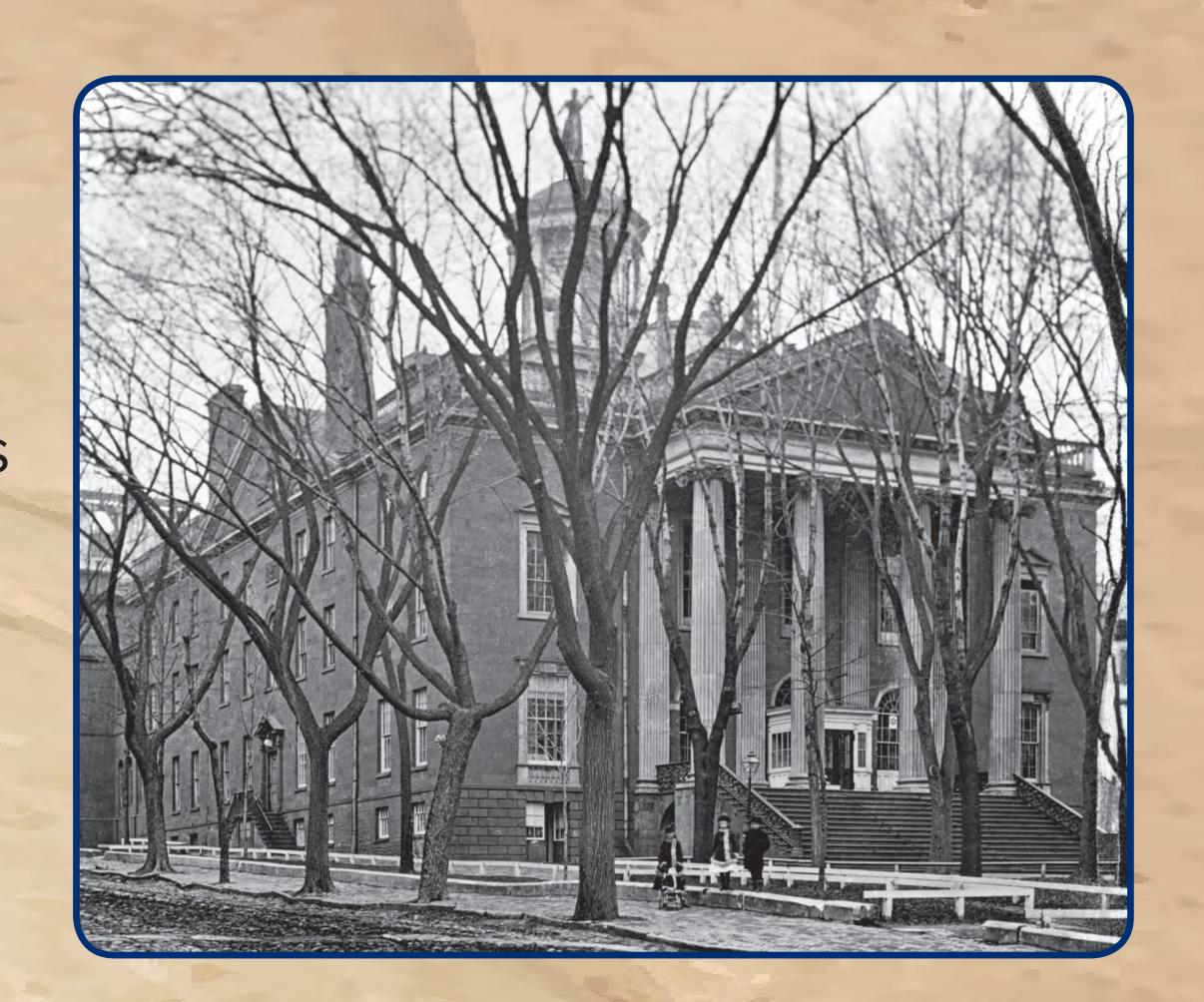
## Albany - 1818

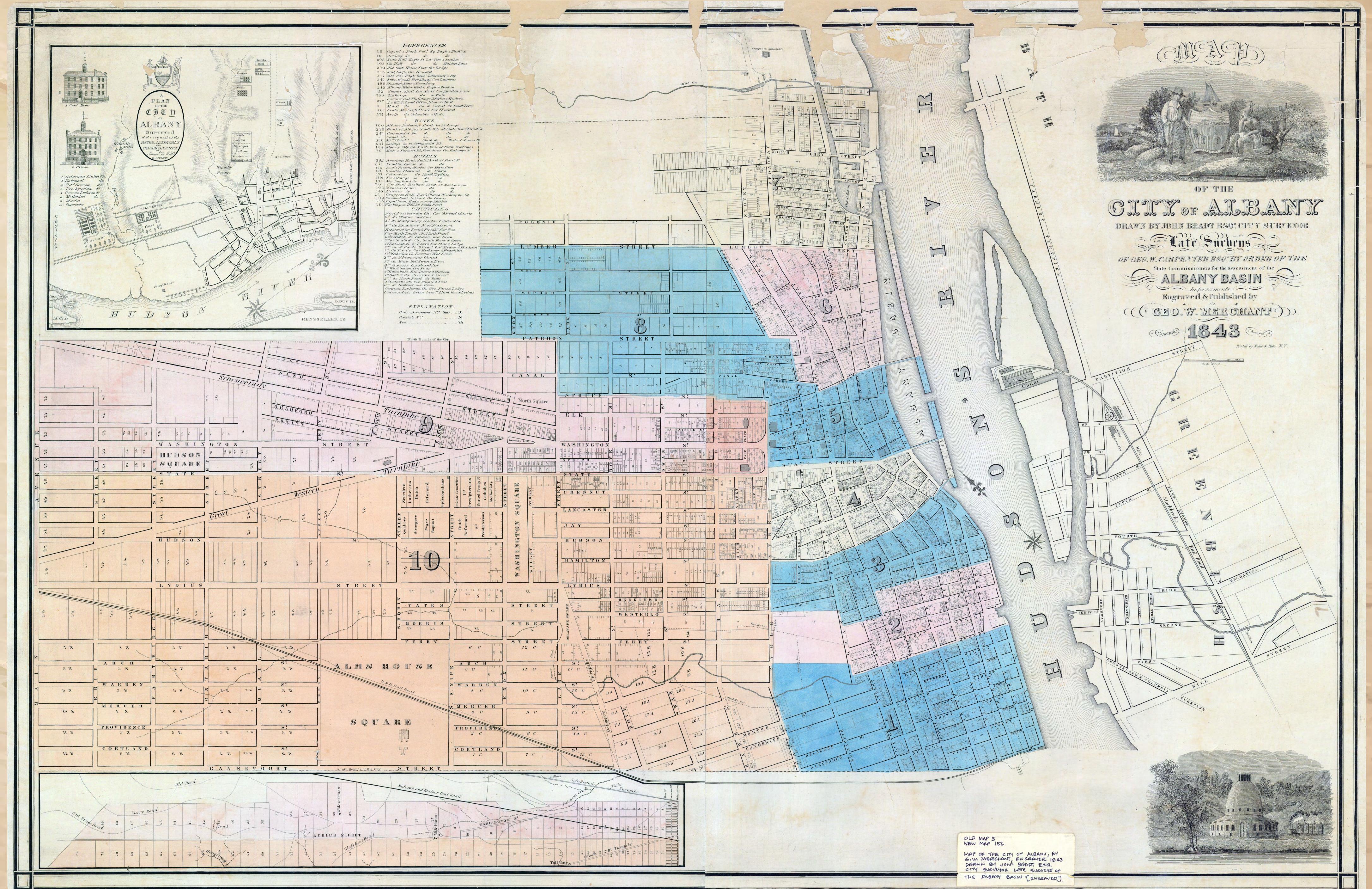
With the establishment of Albany as the permanent capital of New York State in 1797, the city expanded rapidly with the creation of new transportation networks along with larger government buildings. In 1800, Albany's population was 5,289 and by 1840 the city had grown to 33,721, due to an influx of Irish and German immigrants during the early 19th century. At that time Albany was the ninth largest city in the United States.



## The New York State Capitol

State government leaders first met at Albany City Hall until a new Capitol at Public Square on Eagle Street was completed in 1809. The building was used by both state and city governments while a new City Hall was under construction on the other side of Eagle Street. As New York's population and government grew during the 1840s and 1850s, the building was deemed inadequate, triggering the construction of a new Capitol just up State Street Hill.





## Albany - 1843

As the population of Albany grew, the city expanded to include areas to the north, called "the Colonie," which is now the Arbor Hill neighborhood. The Erie Canal was completed in 1825 with its eastern terminus in North Albany at the site of Lock 1. The canal emptied into the newly created Albany Basin that also served as Albany's main port for much of the 19th century. The canal spurred the rapid development of industry along the Hudson River with Albany as a transportation hub for goods from all over the world.